

Remarks

As requested by the Examiner, applicants have changed the title of the invention to "Technique for Effectively Providing to a Vehicle Information Concerning a Condition of the Vehicle," which applicants believe is more descriptive of the claimed invention.

The Examiner rejected claims 61-70 and 86-95 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,754,485. Although applicants strongly disagree with the Examiner's position, to advance the prosecution of the application, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's determination that "[c]laims 61-70 and 86-95 would be allowable if the double patenting rejection is overcome by a terminal disclaimer," which is the case here. Office Action at page 8.

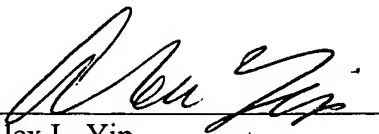
Claims 71-80, 82-85, 96-105 and 107-110 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly obvious over the cited art. Claims 81 and 106 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Although applicants strongly disagree with the Examiner's position, in order to have the application promptly passed to issue, applicants have amended base claim 71 to incorporate the limitations of claim 81 and intervening claim 76, thereby rendering claim 71 allowable. Similarly, applicants have amended base claim 96 to incorporate the limitations of claim 106 and intervening claim 101, thereby rendering claim 96 allowable. Claims 72-85 and 97-110 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve all their rights to re-prosecute the cancelled claims in the future.

In view of the foregoing, in addition to allowable claims 61-70 and 86-95, each of claims 71 and 96, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly,

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reconsideration of these claims is requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,

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